Improved facilities for passengers on Indian airlines Flights

444. SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering improved facilities for Passengers on Indian Airlinse flights; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b) The following measures have been taken by Indian Airlines to provide improved facilities for passengers on Indian Airlines flights:—

1. *Reservation*:

(a) Extension of computrised reservation facilities.

(b) Increase in the number of passengers sales agents and providing them with computerised reservation facility in a phased manner.

2. *Dissemination of information*:

(a) Provision of additional telephone lines and auto answering machines at major stations;

(b) Teletext service on Delhi Doordarshan.

(c) Visual display units at major airports.

3. *Airport facilities*:

(a) Introduction of computerised check in facility at the four base stations and at Hyderabad and Bangalore resulting in reduction in check in time and long queues;

(b) Free check in facility at Terminal-I at I.G.I. Airport, Delhi and airport terminals at Bombay and Madras;

(c) Tele check in facility for executive class passengers at Delhi and Bombay Airports; and extending this facility to other base stations in a phased manner;

(d) Provision of special customer service units and introduction of floor walkers at major airports (departure lounge) to meet the special needs of passengers.

4. *Delays/disruptions*:

(a) Monitoring of delays with a view to minimising flight delays;

(b) in the event of delays/cancellations, provision of hotel accommodation, surface transport,meals, re-routing of tickets, refunds, etc.

5. *Catering*:

(a) improving the variety and quality of the menus.

(b) improving the presentation of the menus.

6. *Availability of seats*:

Re-induction of the Airbus A-320 fleet in a phased manner will result in considerable improvement in the availability of seats on Indian Airlines flights.

Inclusion of drugs under price control

445. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times of 25th September, 1990 under the heading of "Panel set up to expand DPCO List";

(b) if so, what are the names of three members of un-official committee and what are their final recommendations;

(c) what are the additional names of drugs which have been recommended by his Ministry for inclusion under price control list; and

(d) what steps have been taken to include these drugs and by when the list would be expanded?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMEN-

TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No such unofficial Committee has been constituted in my Ministry.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

AIDS Patients in India

446. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a recent ICMR survey the number of HIV Infected persons in India who were prone to AIDS in the country ran in thousand;

(b) if so, their State-wise and Union Territory-wise break up; and

(c) what is the number of full blown AIDS cases detacted in the country State-wise, so far, and how many of them have died and how many are under treatment?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) 4134 HIV sero-positive persons have been detected upto 30-11-1990 in the country out of 586.182 persons practising 'at risk' behaviour screened. The sero-positive rate among group practising high risk behaviour viz. persons with multiple sex partners, IV drug users etc. is seven per thousands.

(b) State/UT wise break-up of the sero-positive individuals is as under:—

Andhra Pradesh	37
Assam	0
Bihar	0
Chandigarh	41
Delhi	136
Goa	39
Gujarat	24
Haryana	8
Himachal Pradesh	1
Jammu & Kashmir	2
Karnataka	15
Kerala	16
Madhya Pradesh	31
Maharasthra	1615
Manipur	909
Orissa	0
Pondicherry	149
Rajasthan	0
Tamil Dadu	1088
West Bengal	14
Uttar Pradesh	9
	4134 Cases

(c) The number of full blown AIDS cases is as under:—

	Males	Females	Total
Indians	36	8	44
Foreigners	10	3	13
Total	46	11	57

State/UT wise break of full blown cases are as under:

1.	Maharasthra	22
2.	Punjab	8
3.	Manipur	3
4.	Assam	1
5.	Tamil Nadu	8
6.	Kerala	2
7.	Pondicherry	3
8.	Rajasthan	1
9.	West Bengal	1
10.	Delhi	2
11.	Andhra Pradesh	1
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
13.	Uttar Pradesh	1
14.	Gujarat	1
15.	Goa	2
	Total	57